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**JUDY CHU ANNOUNCES FREE SMALL BUSINESS FAIR AND RESOURCE EXPO  
FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

Judy Chu, Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization (BOE) today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day tax seminar to assist small businesses in the San Gabriel Valley.

Dr. Chu encourages small business owners to attend and bring their questions on tax laws and regulations. Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Small Business Development Center, Center for International Trade, and other local, state, and federal agencies will be on hand to assist attendees.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 9, 2007  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30)  
**Place:** Pacific Palms Conference Resort  
One Industry Hills Parkway  
Industry Hills, CA 91744

The small business fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. with opening remarks from Dr. Chu. The fair will include topics presented in a two-track format to assist attendees interested in starting a business or growing a business:

- The ABCs of starting your business
- Sales and use tax: How to avoid common pitfalls
- Running a home-based business
- Basic sales and use Taxes
- Marketing and growing your business
- International trade

For more information or to register online, please call 213-593-1311 or visit the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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